

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LANSING



MEMORANDUM

TO: Intermediate School District Superintendents

FROM: Jacquelyn J. Thompson, Ph.D., Director

Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services

DATE: August 5, 2005

SUBJECT: Transportation Expenditure Report Form SE-4094 for the 2004-05 School Year

Enclosed is the *Transportation Expenditure Report* for the 2004-05 school year. This report is to be completed by your business office in conjunction with the intermediate district's transportation supervisor. *Please return this form along with those from your constituent local districts by October 7, 2005.*

In order for districts to qualify for state aid under Section 51a of the State School Aid Act, this form must be completed by all districts. We are asking you to have staff review all local district and public school academy expenditure reports when they are returned to the intermediate districts as follows:

- 1. Ensure all charges reported are assigned to the appropriate service activity.
- 2. Identify and report to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) any district that operated noneligible vehicles, or charged unauthorized costs.
- 3. Ensure all reports are submitted to the MDE by October 7, 2005.

Section 18 of the State School Aid Act requires each district and intermediate district to submit the SE-4094 Transportation Expenditure Report by October 7, 2005. Failure to submit the report by October 7, 2005 will result in the withholding of the district or intermediate school district's entire state aid beginning with the next payment due the district or intermediate school district.

Thank you for your assistance in reviewing and processing the request for state aid on the Transportation Expenditure Report for the 2004-05 school year for your constituent districts.

If you have any questions regarding the form, please contact Ms. Dianne Easterling, at (517) 241-4517.

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Enclosed is the *Transportation Expenditure Report* for the 2004-05 school year. This report is to be completed by your business office in conjunction with your transportation supervisor and returned to your intermediate school district by *September 23, 2005*. The intermediate school district will return their own and all constituent local forms to the Michigan Department of Education by October 7, 2005.

Recent decisions by the Supreme Court, as well as changes in the State School Aid Act, require that this form be completed by all districts. Those districts that do not directly operate any transportation services need only check the box on the cover page, sign the form, and return it to your intermediate school district.

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services Finance Management Unit P.O. Box 30008, Lansing, Michigan 48909

AUTHORITY: Act 94, PA 1979

as amended.

COMPLETION: Required for a district to collect state categorical

2004-05 **TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE REPORT**

Direct questions to: Dianne Easterling at (517) 241-4517.

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	Legal Name of Sc	hool District	District Code No.	Telephone - Area Code/Local No.		
EDUCATIONAL						
AGENCY	Address		City	Zip Code		
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MAILING INSTR	UCTIONS:					
D	ISTRICT: Retur	n ORIGINAL and ONE copy	by September 23, 2005 to	the intermediate district		
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				to the STATE address above.		
		withholding of the district		rm by October 7 will result ment.		
Districts that do I	not operate any	transportation services, c	heck this Box \square , sign a	nd return this page to the ISD.		
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INSTRUCTIONS	5:					
				sportation Expenditure Report.		
Total neces	sary expenditures	s must agree with the officia	al accounting records of the	e school district.		
File this forn	n by the above di	ue date. If later audited figi	ures change the data rep	orted, file an amended report		
immediatel	y.					
2. Districts who contract with another local district or intermediate district to provide transportation services, check the						
box above and return the form to your intermediate school district.						
3. Please review the enclosed instructions before completing the form.						
Every school district operating specialized transportation services as defined in rule R388.371c for Section 52 pupils						
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an additiona	al payment under	Section 51c for local district	ts and Section 51a(2) for in	ntermediate school districts of the		
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for the exclusive use of special education pupils.						
	Every school district operating specialized transportation services as defined in rule R388.371c for Section 53a eligible pupils as defined in the instructions must complete the Special Education Section 53a column on page 2. This column					
will be used	for distribution of	funds under Section 53a a		al reported on the SE-4096 Special		
Education A	ctual Cost Repor	t.				
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	charges to sp	pecial education transportation. All records (including time reports supporting proration				
	of personnel)	used in the preparation of th	nis report will be kept for th	ree years for audit purposes.		
		Superintendent or				
Date		Authorized Official		(Signature)		

Telephone

Area Code/Local No.

Contact Person _

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TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE REPORT (July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005)

	District		
District Name	Code		

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	1000 – SALARIES									
	1160 1170	Supervision								
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	1550 16xx	Other Support								
		AL SALARIES								
-		Employee Benefits								
		/4000 – PURCHASED SERV	/ICES -	- NON-VEHICLE	RELA	TED COSTS				
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14	3330	Pupil Trans Family Veh Cost								
15	3310	Pupil Trans Taxi Cab								
16	3930	Pupil Trans Fleet Insurance								
17	4230	Contracted/Leased Buses								
18	4xxx	Other Vehicle Related Costs								
19	TOTA	L VEHICLE RELATED P/S								
	5000 - SUPPLIES									
20	5710	Gasoline/Fuel								
21	5710	Oil/Grease								
22	5720	Tires/Batteries								
23	57xx	Other Supplies/Repair Parts								
24	5910	Office Supplies								
25	TOTAL SUPPLIES									
26	7000	Other Expense/Adjustment								
27		Bus Amortization								
28	TOTA	L EXPENDITURES								
29	Total A	Annual Miles								
30	Total F	Riders Per the Count Week								
31	Total F	Fuel Consumed (in gallons)								
32	Miles	Per Gallon								

TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE REPORT 2004-05

General Instructions

- 1. The SE-4094 covers expenditures for the school year July 1 to June 30.
- 2. Record all amounts to the nearest dollar. Services purchased from another Michigan public school or intermediate school district are not eligible to be included on this report.
- 3. The general classification of objects and expenditures are those which are found in Bulletin 1022, the Accounting Manual for school districts. The specific items which have been approved for reimbursement are shown in the "Transportation Allowable Expenditures" attached to this form. Items not listed are not to be included without prior Departmental approval.
- 4. Gasoline tax must not be included on this report. The gasoline tax is to be reported as a receivable from another governmental agency.
- 5. Amounts for non-pupil transportation costs are not to be included on this report. Examples of such costs are employees salaries in non-pupil transportation activities; insurance, parts, repairs, gasoline and supplies for various non-pupil transportation cars and equipment (i.e.; drivers education cars, maintenance vehicles, administrative vehicles, tractors, lawn mowers and snow plows).
- 6. Salaries and benefits for personnel performing other duties as well as those for pupil transportation must be prorated based upon the percent of time for each activity using time schedules.
- 7. The objects of expenditures should be assigned to the service activity (i.e.; Regular Education, Special Education-Section 52, etc.) on a direct charge basis wherever possible or by a method of allocation which provides a reasonable distribution of costs. The appropriate basis for proration for non-vehicle related expenditures is the scheduled pupil riders as averaged during the count week. The count week is defined in rules R388.373 and R388.374 of the Pupil Transportation Administrative Rules. The appropriate basis for proration for vehicle related lines is the type and usage of vehicles as reported on the SE-4107 School Bus Inventory Report. Documentation of allocation must be maintained for audit purposes.
- 8. Early Retirement Incentive Payments

These include: (a) lump sum payments, (b) retirement incentive payments spread over the following year, and (c) the purchase of annuities as a retirement. These incentives do not qualify for state categorical reimbursement. The early retirement incentive payment plan is developed for the convenience of the school district and is not directly related to providing services to handicapped pupils.

Stipends or prepaid insurance for personnel who retire early do not qualify for categorical reimbursement. These payments are made as an incentive for personnel to retire early and are not part of the ordinary fringe benefits and operational costs of the district.

Payment of unused sick leave is reimbursable to the extent that the sick leave was accrued during service to the pupil transportation program.

Column Instructions

Columns 1, 3 and 5.

Report the full time equivalency (FTE) for personnel and/or number of vehicles, as applicable. FTE for drivers, aides and other support personnel is based upon a six (6) hour day. **Do not include the FTE for substitute drivers or substitute aides**.

Column 2. Regular/Vocational Education

The amounts in this column are the allowable costs for pupil transportation other than the transportation of special education pupils. Costs associated with special education pupils who ride on regular education vehicles are to be reported in this column.

Column 4. Special Education-Section 52

The amounts in this column are the allowable costs for providing specialized transportation services as required by the pupil's individualized educational program (IEP) other than the cost for transportation of Section 53a pupils.

Column 6. Special Education-Section 53a

The amounts in this column are allowable special education transportation costs of Section 53a pupils. Before completing this column, read the instructions on pages 8 and 9–"Special Instructions for Completing Columns 5 and 6 of the SE-4094 for Section 53a Transportation Services."

Column 7. Total

The total of columns 2, 4 and 6.

Line Instructions

Districts having to prorate costs between regular education, Special Education-Section 52 and Special Education-Section 53a are to use the **percent of ridership method for each line unless otherwise noted**. The district will include all pupils and non-pupils (i.e.; Early Fours, Head Start, non-resident and parochial school students, etc.) who ride the bus during the pupil count period when counting total riders. The percent of Section 52 costs for each line will be calculated by dividing the number of Section 52 riders by the total number of riders.

Salaries (Do not include employee benefits in lines 1-5. Employee benefits are to be reported on line 7.):

<u>Line 1</u>. Supervision

Report the FTE and salary paid to employees for that portion of their time devoted to supervising transportation. Do not include any of the superintendent's salary for any time devoted to transportation or transportation supervision, even if the superintendent is directly responsible. Prorate the salary and FTE on this line based upon the percent of pupil ridership as of the pupil transportation count week.

Line 2. Bus Driver

Report the FTE (based upon a six (6) hour day) and salary paid to employees for **only** their time involved in driving school buses. Include on this line, the salaries for drivers attending district initiated or legislatively required driver or supervisor training programs. Include the salaries for substitute bus drivers on this line. The

salary and FTE for bus drivers who have both special education and regular education runs should be prorated based upon the amount of time spent on each run. Field trip runs are to be charged to regular education. For substitute drivers include only the salary, do not include the FTE.

Line 3. Secretarial/Clerical

Report the FTE and salary paid to employees for only the portion of their time devoted to transportation secretarial and/or clerical duties and responsibilities. Include on this line, salaries paid to dispatchers and substitutes for secretarial/clerical employees for their time spent on pupil transportation activities. For substitute secretarial/clerical employees include the salary, but do not include the FTE. Prorate the salary and FTE on this line based on the percent of pupil ridership as of the pupil transportation count week.

Line 4. Aides

Report the FTE and salary paid to an aide riding a pupil transportation vehicle transporting pupils to and from school or school related events. Do not include the salaries for bus loading aides not riding on the pupil transportation vehicle. The salary and FTE on this line is prorated in the same method as the salary and FTE for bus drivers and is based upon a six (6) hour day.

<u>Line 5</u>. Other Support

Report the FTE and salary paid to employees who work on pupil transportation vehicles. This would include mechanics, garage employees or other employees involved with providing pupil transportation services. Costs on this line may be prorated based on the percent of regular and special education vehicles in the fleet or on the percent of time spent servicing regular and special education buses. If the percent of time servicing the buses is used, charge tickets or time logs must be available which identify the type of work done by bus number.

Line 6. Total Salaries

The total of lines 1–5.

<u>Line 7</u>. Employee Benefits

Report the amounts paid as benefits to pupil transportation employees (prorate the benefits of employees with responsibilities in addition to pupil transportation). Benefits should be prorated between regular education and special education by the same method as the salaries are prorated **on an employee by employee basis**. The proration of benefits is done on an employee by employee basis and then the individual benefits are summed for line 7.

Purchased Services - Non-Vehicle Related Costs

Line 8. Local Expenses

Report the costs for employees reported above related to mileage, meals, inservices, workshops, tuition for training programs, etc. for providing transportation services. Costs on this line may be prorated on either the direct cost method or on a percent of ridership method. If the direct cost method is used, documentation of the direct expenditures must be attached to the report.

Line 9. Telephone/Postage

Report the costs for the pupil transportation department's telephone and postage. Include on this line, amounts paid by the district for advertising directly related to

pupil transportation (i.e.; job posting). Costs on this line may use the direct cost method or prorate costs based on the percent of riders. If the direct cost method is used, documentation of the direct expenditures must be attached to the report.

Line 10. Other Utilities

Report the costs for the pupil transportation department's heat, electricity, water, sewage, waste and trash disposal. These costs are prorated between special education and regular education based upon the percent of riders. This includes costs under object code 38xx and 55xx (refer to the recent change in the Bulletin 1022 Manual). Utility costs must be direct billed to the transportation department and not a proration of the school district's total utility bill.

<u>Line 11</u>. Other Non-Vehicle Purchased Services

Report the contracted costs for other services such as data processing for bus routes approved by the intermediate school district, maps, building repairs to the garage or bus parking lots, equipment repairs, rental of inservice materials and professional/technical services (i.e.; physicals for bus drivers, snow plowing, etc.). Do not include costs for improvements made to bus garages and bus parking lots. Costs on this line are prorated based upon the percent of riders.

<u>Line 12</u>. Total of Non-Vehicle Related Purchased Services

The total of lines 8-11.

Purchased Services – Vehicle Related Costs

Line 13. Pupil Transportation Common Carrier

Report the number of vehicles and the amount paid to a third party organization offering its services to the general public to provide motor vehicle transportation to and from school for pupils. Include on this line, payments to public transit authorities and companies using non-black and yellow vehicles. (These vehicles are not to be listed on the SE-4107, School Bus Inventory Report.) **Only common carrier costs for exclusively special education vehicles or runs may be charged to special education**. Costs associated with field trips are to be reported as regular education.

Line 14. Pupil Transportation Family Vehicle Cost

Report the number of vehicles and the amount paid to a private individual to provide pupil transportation services. This would include contracting with parents to transport their child to and from an instructional site and contracting with a pupil to provide his or her own transportation to and from an instructional program site. Do not include payments for pupil transportation to or from a school related event. Cost on this line are not prorated. Only costs exclusive to special education riders are placed under Section 52 and Section 53a.

Line 15. Pupil Transportation Taxi Cab

Report the number of vehicles and the amount paid to taxi cab companies for transporting pupils to and from school. (These vehicles are not to be listed on the SE-4107, School Bus Inventory Report.) Only taxi cab costs exclusively for special education riders are chargeable to Section 52 and Section 53a.

Line 16. Pupil Transportation Fleet Insurance

Report the number of vehicles and the amount paid by the district for pupil transportation fleet insurance for vehicles used to transport pupils to and from

school. The amount of insurance is reported by vehicle and is not prorated between special education and regular education for vehicles reported for the year in question on the SE-4107, School Bus Inventory Report. The insurance for all combination vehicles is reported in column 2–Regular/Vocational Education. Insurance for vehicles labelled as spare vehicles may only be reported for one (1) spare vehicle for every ten (10) vehicles in service under that service activity. Prorate the premiums for vehicles not used exclusively by the transportation department. Fleet insurance is not eligible to be prorated to Section 53a.

Line 17. Contracted/Leased Black and Yellow Buses

Report the number of vehicles and the amount paid by the district to lease or contract black and yellow buses to provide pupil transportation services to and from an instructional site. **These vehicles must be listed on the SE-4107**, **School Bus Inventory Report**, **to have costs reported on this line**. Do not report any costs for maintenance, repairs, gasoline, oil, etc. for these vehicles on this line. Costs on this line are not eligible to be prorated to Section 53a.

Line 18. Other Vehicle Related Costs

Report the costs for vehicle maintenance and repair for vehicles listed on line 16. Include the rental of two-way radios used in both contracted and owned pupil transportation vehicles. Costs that cannot be isolated to either a special education bus or a regular education bus are prorated based on the percent of buses in each category. Costs on this line are not eligible to be prorated to Section 53a.

Line 19. Total of Vehicle Related Purchased Services

The total of lines 13-18.

Supplies

Line 20. Gasoline/Fuel

Report the costs for gasoline/fuel for the operation of pupil transportation vehicles. Do not report the amount of gasoline tax on this line. Costs that cannot be isolated to either a special education bus or a regular education bus are prorated based on the percent of buses in each category. If the direct cost method is used, documentation of the direct expenditures must be attached to the report.

Line 21. Oil/Grease

Report the costs for oil and grease for the operation of pupil transportation vehicles. Costs that cannot be isolated to either a special education bus or a regular education bus are prorated based on the percent of buses in each category. If the direct cost method is used, documentation of the direct expenditures must be attached to the report.

Line 22. Tires/Batteries

Report the costs for tires, tubes and batteries only for pupil transportation vehicles. Costs that cannot be isolated to either a special education bus or a regular education bus are prorated based on the percent of buses in each category. If the direct cost method is used, documentation of the direct expenditures must be attached to the report.

Line 23. Other Supplies/Repair Parts

Report the cost of vehicle repair parts and other supplies (i.e.; anti-freeze, deicers, etc.) for pupil transportation vehicles. Costs that cannot be isolated to either a

special education bus or a regular education bus are prorated based on the percent of buses in each category. If the direct cost method is used, documentation of the direct expenditures must be attached to the report.

Line 24. Office Supplies

Report the cost of supplies used to support the operation of the pupil transportation office functions for personnel reported on line 1 and line 3. Costs that cannot be isolated to either special education or regular education are prorated by the percent of riders.

Line 25. Total Supplies

The total of lines 20-24.

Line 26. Other Expense/Adjustment

Report the cost for such expenditures as dues, fees, tolls, bus driver awards, licenses and subscriptions, etc. related to pupil transportation management. This line will also be used by the Department to make any necessary adjustments to the report.

Line 27. Bus Amortization

Report the authorized annual amortization amount as calculated on the SE-4107, School Bus Inventory Report. The number of vehicles and amount must agree with the final SE-4107, School Bus Inventory Report. **Do not report amortization amounts for vehicles coded as spares**. The amortization amounts for combination vehicles are to be reported in column 2–Regular/Vocational Education. The total cost of a pupil transportation vehicle includes the base cost, plus the total of, if any, interest expense, plus additional equipment (radios, lifts) less any trade in allowance or the full amount received from previously non-deducted bus sales. Such costs can be found on the Cost of Bus Worksheet for each vehicle. The Cost of Bus Worksheet for each vehicle needs to be kept on file by the district. The amount of amortization is found on the district's final SE-4107, School Bus Inventory Report. Costs on this line are not eligible to be prorated to Section 53a.

Line 28. Total Expenditures

The total of lines 6, 7, 12, 19, 25, 26 and 27 for columns 2, 4 and 6. Column 4–Special Education-Section 52 will be used in the formula calculation to calculate any additional payment under either Section 51(a)(2) or Section 51c of the State School Aid Act. The total of column 6–Special Education-Section 53a will be reported on page 3, Section 53a of the SE-4096, Special Education Actual Cost Report, line 43 (see the instructions for completing columns 5 and 6 of the SE-4094, pages 8-9). Section 53a transportation costs are reimbursed under Section 53a of the State School Aid Act.

Line 29. Total Annual Miles

Include the total miles traveled by all pupil transportation fleet vehicles used in providing pupil transportation to instructional sites.

<u>Line 30</u>. Total Riders Per the Count Week (as defined in rules R388.373 and R388.374)

Include the number of riders averaged over the five (5) day count week for special education. These are pupils who have current individualized educational committee reports requiring specialized transportation services as of that count period and who ride a specialized transportation vehicle. (Any special education pupil who rides on a regular education vehicle can only be counted as a regular education pupil and

included in column 2.) For regular education, the count of pupils transported is based upon the head count on the count date for all pupils transported to school or programs in other facilities during the day, except on field trips.

Line 31. Total Fuel Consumed (in gallons)

Include the total number of gallons of gasoline, diesel fuel or liquid petroleum gas used by the pupil transportation fleet vehicles for providing pupil transportation.

Line 32. Miles Per Gallon

This is the total annual miles (line 29) divided by the total fuel consumed in gallons (line 31). If the district's fleet fuel economy is greater than twenty-five (25) miles per gallon, the district may be asked to document the report.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING COLUMNS 5 AND 6 OF THE SE-4094 FOR SECTION 53a TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

- 1. Reimbursement for specialized transportation services for Section 53a pupils is paid under Section 53a of the State School Aid Act. Only services for the following pupils qualify:
 - Pupils assigned to a district or immediate district (ISD) through the community placement programs of the courts or a state agency, if the pupil was a resident of another ISD at the time the pupil came under the jurisdiction of the court or a state agency.
 - Pupils who are residents of institutions operated by the Department of Community Health (DCH).
 - Pupils who are former residents of DCH institutions for the developmentally disabled who are placed in community settings other than the pupil's home.
 - Pupils placed in a district by a parent for the purpose of seeking a suitable home, if the parent does not reside in the same ISD as the district in which the pupil is placed.

Complete columns 5 and 6 only if your district was providing specialized transportation services to any of the above pupils as of the transportation count week during October 2004. The district will be required to submit the names of pupils and bus numbers to substantiate the above claim (see page 10).

- 2. Districts providing specialized transportation services to eligible Section 53a pupils may charge prorated transportation expenditures to Section 53a. Section 53a(2) of the State School Aid Act indicates "Only those costs that are clearly and directly attributable to educational programs for pupils described in subsection (1), and that would not have been incurred if the pupils were not being educated in a district or intermediate district, are reimbursable under this section." Administrative costs related to operating special education transportation services including costs related to transportation supervisors and clerical staff, the cost of operating the bus garage, and other administrative costs normally incurred by the district **are not** chargeable to Section 53a. Costs that can be reimbursed by federal funds are not to be charged to Section 53a.
 - a. The following lines and costs are **ineligible** to be prorated to Section 53a:

Line 1 – Salaries – Supervision

Line 3 – Salaries – Secretarial/Clerical

Line 5 – Salaries – Other Support

Line 9 – Purchased Services – Telephone/Postage

Line 10 – Purchased Services – Other Utilities

Line 11 – Purchased Services – Other Non-Vehicle Purchased Services

Line 16 – Purchased Services – Pupil Transportation Fleet Insurance (see page 9, direct charges only) Vehicles must have prior approval from the Department

Line 18 – Purchased Services – Other Vehicle Related Costs

Line 23 – Supplies – Other Supplies/Repair Parts

Line 24 – Supplies – Office Supplies

Line 27 – Bus Amortization (see page 9, direct charges only) Vehicles must have prior approval from the Department

Costs on the lines above should all be included in column 4, Special Education-Section 52. Costs on line 4 for transportation aides are included under Section 53a only if the district has received prior departmental approval for a Section 53a transportation aide assigned to a specific Section 53a eligible rider.

b. Section 53a costs for lines 2, 7, 8, 13-15, 20-22 are prorated one of the following two ways:

1. Direct Cost

Districts contracting for specialized transportation services with third parties or private carriers can only charge the actual contracted expense to Section 53a. This method applies to lines 14, 15, 17 and 18. The district is required to supply the name of the approved Section 53a rider.

Line 15 and line 26 are for direct charges for Section 53a Department approved vehicles only. The amount of insurance charged for the approved vehicle is a direct charge. The amortization amount is for Section 53a approved vehicles and is found on the SE-4107. Vehicles coded as Section 53a vehicles, must have prior departmental approval to be charged as Section 53a on the SE-4107 School Bus Inventory Report.

2. Percent of Ridership

Under this method the district will take the total number of Section 53a pupils riding specialized transportation vehicles divided by the total number of special education pupils riding specialized transportation vehicles to determine the percentage of costs attributable to Section 53a. The district will then apply this percentage to lines 2, 7, 8, 13 and 20-22.

If districts are operating buses which serve more than 50% Section 53a pupils and do not feel the above method reflects the true cost of transporting Section 53a pupils, they should contact the Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services at (517) 241-4517 for assistance.

3. Section 53a transportation is reimbursed from the SE-4096 Special Education Actual Cost Report. The amount reported on line 28, column 6 will be carried over to page 3 for Section 53a expenditures, line 43 of that report.

Section 53a Ridership Verification for 2004-05

District:		Code No.:					
I. Section 53a R	ders						
Transportation Actual Cost Re riders as of th of the vehicle Bus Inventor claimed on pa	To claim Section 53a transportation costs on both the SE-4094 Transportation Expenditure Report and the SE-4096 Special Education Actual Cost Report, list the names of the pupils claimed as Section 53a riders as of the October 2004 Pupil Count Week. List the bus number of the vehicle ridden by each pupil from the SE-4107, School Bus Inventory Report . This must match the number of riders claimed on page 2, line 30, column 6 of the SE-4094 Transportation Expenditure Report.						
<u>200</u> 4	1-05 Riders	Bus # Ridden					

TRANSPORTATION ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES for 2004-05 and 2005-06

The following is a list of items approved to be included as direct costs on the SE-4094 Transportation Expenditure Report. A district must have prior written approval from the Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services, Michigan Department of Education, to charge costs not included on this list. Services purchased from another Michigan public school district or intermediate school district are not eligible to be included in this report.

Account Codes

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<u>Function</u>	<u>Object</u>
1000 –	Salaries
	 1160 – Supervisor – salary paid for performing duties as a supervisor, not to include the salary of the superintendent acting as supervisor of transportation
	1170 - Program/Department Direction
	1610 – Bus driver
1000 –	Salaries Support
	1550 – Mechanic (other operation/service) – involved in working on and maintaining vehicles involved in transporting pupils to and from school and school related events
	1620 – Secretary, clerical, dispatcher
	1630 – Aides – bus attendants on vehicles transporting pupils to and from school, not to include bus loading aides
	1640 – Custodial/Maintenance as garage employees
	1660 – Security guards as garage employees
	1670 – Garage employees
	1860 – Substitute bus driver, secretary, mechanic
2000 –	Employee Benefits (note: all other 2000 series are not eligible)
	2100 - Insurance; to include individual life, disability, health, dental, vision, etc.
	2410 – Physicals for bus drivers
	2800 - Retirement, social security, medicaid and other employee benefits in the 2800 series
	2920 - Cash Payments in lieu of benefits in the 2100 series

- 3000-4000 Purchased Services Vehicle Related Costs (a written agreement or contract should be in effect between the district and vendor for the provision of all purchased services). **Do not include services purchased from another Michigan public school district**.
 - 3190 Contracted mechanic or garage employee (Line 18)
 - 3310 Common Carrier (contract carrier) amount paid to an organization offering its services to the general public to provide motor vehicle transportation of pupils for compensation over irregular routes. Include payments to public transit agencies (authorities), private third party vendors or taxi cab companies for pupil transportation services. Vehicles used are "non-black and yellow" vehicles.
 - 3320 Paid to Pupils payment to a pupil providing his or her own transportation to and from an instructional program site. Also includes the cost of passes for pupils to ride public transit buses. Do not include payments to and from a school related event.
 - 3330 Private Auto payment to an individual, other than a pupil, to provide pupil transportation services to and from an instructional site. Do not include payments to or from a school related event.
 - 3930 Fleet Insurance amount paid for pupil transportation fleet insurance for vehicles used to transport pupils to school and school related events. Prorate premiums for vehicles not used exclusively by the transportation department. Report insurance for eligible vehicles as listed on the SE-4107 School Bus Inventory.
 - 4130 Vehicle Maintenance and Repair cost of maintenance and repair of pupil transportation vehicles at a private garage or body shop. Also includes bus lettering by a contractor.
 - 4220 Equipment Leasing leasing of two-way radios used pupil transportation vehicles, bus garage alarm system, xerox copier (prorated for transportation costs).
 - 4230 Rental of Buses not to include maintenance, repairs, gasoline, oil, insurance, etc. All contracted black and yellow buses must be listed on the SE-4107 School Bus Inventory to be eligible to report costs.
- 3000-4000 Non-Vehicle Related Costs (a written agreement or contracts should be in effect between the district and vendor for the provision of all purchased services). **Do not include services purchased from another Michigan public school district**.
 - 3130 Aides bus attendants on vehicles transporting pupils to and from school, **not** to include bus loading aides (Line 11)

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- 3160 Data Processing for routing approved by the ISD (Line 11)
- 3190 Contracted secretarial, clerical or dispatcher (Line 11)
- 3210 Local Travel mileage costs for supervisors, mechanics, drivers and clericals in performance of their duties or for instructional purposes (Line 8)
- 3220 Workshops/Conferences inservice training or conferences to assist staff in performing duties more efficiently (i.e.; MAPT or NAPT conferences). Also includes meals, tuition for training programs and meals of bus drivers while on field trips. (Line 8)
- 3410 Telephone amount paid exclusively for the pupil transportation department's telephone service. Do not prorate the district's total telephone costs to this line. (Line 9)
- 3430 Postage amount paid for the pupil transportation department's postage (Line 9)
- 3510 Advertising recruitment advertisements for the pupil transportation staff (Line 11)
- 3610 Maps printing, binding and computer generated (Line 11)
- 3830 Water/Sewage amount paid exclusively for the transportation department's waste and trash disposal. Do not prorate the district's total water/sewage costs to this line. (Line 10)
- 3840 Waste/Trash Disposal amount paid exclusively for the transportation department's waste and trash disposal. Do not prorate the district's total waste and trash disposal costs to this line. (Line 10)
- 3890 Electricity amount paid exclusively for the transportation department's electricity. Do not prorate the district's total electricity costs to this line. (Line 10)
- 4110 Building Repairs include repairs to the garage and to the bus parking lots. Do not include improvements or additions to the garage building or parking lots. (Line 11)
- 4120 Equipment Repairs include repairs for gas pumps, water pumps, the servicing of time clocks, furnace repair or replacing the garage door (Line 11)
- 4290 Rental of inservice films (Line 11)

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4910 – Other purchased services to include snow plowing of the bus parking lot, washing and cleaning of buses by private contractors, laundry charges for mechanic uniforms, shop towels, and pest control for garage or buses (Line 11)

5000 - Supplies/Materials

- 5500 Heating Fuel amount paid exclusively for the transportation department's heating fuel. Do not prorate the district's total heating costs to this line. (Line 10)
- 5710 Gasoline/Oil/Grease used only for pupil transportation fleet vehicles (Line 20/21)
- 5720 Tires/Tubes/Batteries expenditures in the maintenance of only pupil transportation fleet vehicles (Line 22)
- 5730 Vehicle Repair Parts parts used in the maintenance of only pupil transportation vehicles (Line 23)
- 5790 Other Supplies such as anti-freeze, deicers, cleaning materials for buses, custodial supplies, electrical cords, fire extinguishers, first aid supplies, repair parts for garage equipment, signal flags, small tools, etc. (Line 23)
- 5910 Office Supplies used only to support the operation of the pupil transportation office functions (Line 24)

7000 - Other Expense

7410 – Expenditures to include tickets for ferries, toll road fees, drivers licenses, license fees to operate two-way radios, gasoline credit card fees, exam fee, bus driver awards, driver safety programs. (Line 26)

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